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SUBJECT:PROJECT CONCERN

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1. IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH DEPTOFF, CRONK OF PROJECT CONCERN SAID HE WAS INFORMING LASSERRE THAT TWO EXPATRIATES COULD POSTPONE DEPARTURE THIRTY DAYS. CRONK STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOUBTED ANYTHING WOULD OCCUR DURING DELAY WHICH WOULD CHANGE HIS DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO REPLACE FOREIGNERS AT THIS TIME.

2. ACCORDING TO CRONK, CONCERN WILL CONTINUE TO FUND HOSPITAL OPERATIONS AND EXPECTS TO ASSIGN FOREIGN PERSONNEL TO GHINDA WHEN SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVES.

3. CRONK'S PRINCIPAL WORRY IS NOT POTENTIAL ELF KIDNAPPING OF CONCERN PERSONNEL BUT POSSIBILITY THAT PERSONNEL COULD BE INNOCENT, UNINTENDED VICTIMS OF TERRORISM. IN ORDER TO PROTECT FOREIGN EMPLOYEES FOR WHOM HE IS RESPONSIBLE, CRONK BELIEVES ONLY LOGICAL SOLUTION IS TO WITHDRAW THEM FOR WHAT HE HOPES WILL BE SHORT PERIOD. KISSINGER

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